WEBB'S LAST SWIM.

A Claim that He Passed Both the Rapids and the Whirlpool Alive,

Herald, "Just before going to Niagara," said Mr. Kyle, "Capt. Webb said to me as he was

Then he appreciated the fact that there was danger in his exhibitions?"

"No one else could have been so fully conscious of it, but it was because he knew the danger that he took measures to avert it. He estimated carefully the angle at which he would strike the water, and he was fully aware of how to best enter the water so as to receive the least possible shock."

You accompanied him to Niagars, did you not?"
"Yes. He was anxious to have me go with

"Yes. He was anxious to have me go with him, and at his request I accompanied him."
"Did he express any opinion of the place previous to his attempt?"
"Yes. As we stood overlooking the roaring rapids and the flerce and threatening looking whirlpool, he seemed lost in deep thought. His quick eye took in every detail. He scanned the rocks, mentally traced the geological formation of the place, descended and tested the water with his hydrometer, and and tested the water with his hydrometer, and then turning to me with a cheery smile said:
This is the best advertised humbug in the world. My good wife has swam in worse places than this. Shakspeare says: "What fools these mortals be," but he should have said what cowards these mortals be."

"Did you ask him what his idea was as to the prevalence of rocks in the whirlpool?"

"Oh, yes. He then drew for me a diagram and entered into a scientific discourse upon the present formation and the past and future of this river and its surroundings. I regret that I cannot give you that discourse, but it was a clear and convincing argument to him that there were no rocks where he intended to that there were no rocks where he intended to swim. He discussed also the force and the quantity of the water, the pressure and influ-ence it would have upon the body, and the velocity of the current."

"What is the velocity of the current at that

"It is estimated at from thirty-five to thirty-nine miles an hour, but Capt. Webb was cer-tain, and so stated, that it did not exceed fifteen miles an hour. I also asked him how he was going to get his breath, and he then explained to me the course he was going to pursuo, which was stated as follows: 'I will swim upon my breast until I reach the first breaker below the suspension bridge; I will then dive, turn upon my side, progress with my overhand stroke and freep my eyes wide open for the smooth places, where I shall rise for fresh air and then go under the next breaker, and so on. You see in between the brakers there are what I call blowing places, patches of smooth water."

'How was he certain that he could see where "How was he certain that he could see where these smooth places were from below?"
"He explained that by saying that there are certain kinds of waters which intensify the vision and magnify objects. The water there was of that nature. It would make the smooth, or blowing places, look a good deal larger than they really were, but he would not be deceived by that."
"But how did he propose to year the year

"But how did he propose to pass the neck f the whirlpool?" 'Alluding to that, he said, 'at the neck of the whiripool you will notice about sixty rards of bad water. It is a dirty bit of water, and there I shall have to use some strength gad save my breath. Once I pass that all danger is over."

But the whirlpool was yet to be passed, was it not?"
"Yes; and I called his attention to that fact. His answer was: 'The whirlpool is a fraud, and a noisy one, at that. If the people about here will make it worth my while, I will give exhibitions in it dally.'"

What was his opinion about the eddies?" "He thought they would bether him some, but he did not consider them dangerous." "Have you seen the statement of several physicians that the waters there would not support human life, and that any living thing

would be speedily choked by the air bubbles?"

"I spoke of that also to the captain, and be under them. If this water was salt water I would not do this thing, as I would be con-tinually brought up to the surface, but in this water I can remain just where I want to, at least ten feet down. There is very little saline matter in this water.' To illustrate how little of danger Capt. Webb thought was lurking in the whirlpool, he wanted to go in it at once and take a bath, and would have done so had we not been compelled to hurry to catch a train !

'Was there much interest taken in the event?

At first Capt. Webb was a little chagrined to think that there were so few people pres-ent, and that only the provincial press was ent, and that only the provincial press was represented, but two representatives of the Herald finally arrived, and the crowd increased rapidly, and Capt. Webb felt that his great feat would not be attempted in vain. At 3 o'clock he said: 'By the way they are talking they must think this a great undertaking.' He talked business up to the last minute. Being a-ked if he would have dinner before he started he said: 'No, I will need all my wind. We will dine when I come back!' He he started he said: 'No, I will need all my wind. We will dine when I come back.' He never said good by to me or any one else. After finding that his wife could be cavily reached by telegraph, he left the Clifton house and proceeded to the little ferry at the foot of the cliff. He was rowed down the river to a short distance below the Clifton house, and here he dove off and swam with the breast stroke under the suspen-sion bridge, which is two miles from the great falls. He then swam in close to the great falls. He then swam in close to the Canadian shore, dove under the first rapid, swam on one side with the overhand stroke under water, and followed his programme as stated in a preceding paragraph. When he reached the whirlpool, as the press representatives on the bridge saw, he struck out still with his famous overhand stroke, with the fingers bent, forming a cup, and with the head at overy stroke going alternately in advance of the arm and hand. He sought to head at every stroke going alternately in advance of the arm and hand. He sought to reach the outer circle of the whirlpool on the American side. This point he soon reached, and it was evident that he was exerting his strength. He cleared the whirlpool, and, instead of attempting to circle it to the Canadian shore, struck out for the comparatively placid waters of the Niagara river."

"It has been claimed that Capt. Webb never left the whirlpool alive. It is admitted that he performed the marvelous foat of clearing the rapids, but that he met his death in the maelstrom. In contradiction of this we have the testimony of seven persons, ladies and gentlemen, who were standing on the Canada shore directly in line with the lower part of the whirlpool."

"Have you the names of the party?"

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"Unfortunately, no. I learned only one, that was Mr. Dan Mitchell, of Clifton, but another was the agent of the steambeat line running from Lewiston and Queenstown to Niagara. The members of this party declare positively that (ant Webb came out of the positively that Capt. Webb came out of the whirlpool using what is known as the dogpaddle stroke. They waved their handker-chiefs to him and he wiped the water from his face and waved his hand toward them. When entering the clear water of the Ningara river below the whirlpool he dove, and that was the last that was seen of him until he was found three days later in an eddy near Lewistown, nine miles from the point of starting, which is additional evidence that he

accomplished his undertaking."
"Then to what do you attribute his death?"
"Most certainly to the terrible mash in his
bead, which was no doubt made when he last

with his overhand stroke, already alluded to, it is easy to see how that wound could have been inflicted, as the head at every alternate stroke goes in advance and with great power. He performed his task to the very letter and in the manner he said he would, and he lost his noble life by an accident such as might have happened to a wanton boy playing in a shallow brook,"

After Leaving the Whiripool.

Mr. Kyle, the friend and manager of the late Capt. Webb, made some highly interesting statements to a reporter for the Boston that he would fail and that he was rash, foolbarde, and y and if not, indeed, insans. hardy, and vain, if not, indeed, insane. The Laucet, a great authority, poured out upon him its vituperations, and cited facts (?) mounting the stand at the beach: 'This is the last dive that I shall ever make. It is dan-tain his normal temperature for ten miles, which would be when he had been in the gerous work." water five hours. Other medical authorities water five hours. Other medical authorities took up the subject, and the madman's course was severely condemned. Capt. Webb's own father, a dector, sent his son a long letter, urging him not to attempt the feat, and proving to him by scientific laws that he could not hope to succeed. But he was firm. He had his secret.

"At one time Capt. Webb was in charge of a coasting vessel which sailed for Lapland. He noticed that, while he stood shivering on deck wrapped urin firs and flannel, the Lans

deck wrapped up in furs and flaunch, the Laps would go out into the ice cold water and re-main there for hours. There was the secret he was after. How was it that they could stand the cold so much better than he could? He determined to learn the secret, and plead-ing sickness sent the vessel home in charge of the first officer. He lived with the people for nine months; studied their diet, their method of living, and lived as they lived. He then returned to England and remained for two years upon the east coast of England, exist-

ing upon blubber and the skins of fish.
"He had learned the secret of maintaining his normal temperature, and keeping the blood in the veins and arteries in nearly the same state of richness in the water. He found no more blue veins, no more chills. He outwitted the doctors, and discovered, or, at least, utilized, a scientific fact. If his channel swim, which was so generally condemned, at first proved nothing but the uncertainty of the knowledge of the wise men in whom we trust when our lives are in danger, it was a gain to the world."

Capt. Webb had a great many medals, had he not?

"Yes. I should say some thirty or forty for acts of humanity. It was his religion to aid his fellow men in distress. He was generous to a fault, brave as a lion in the face of dauger, honest, simple, gentle, refined, and playful as a lamb in his home, which he dearly loved. He was not, as many sup-posed, a strong man. His success came from

Epgy's Carbolic Troches cure colds and

FIRST COMPANY OF VETERANS. Enthusiastic Meeting Last Night-Com-

pany Officers Elected. The Union Veteran corps, 1st company, net at their armory last night pursuant to adjournment. A resolution of regret for the unofficial announcement of their intention to participate in the reception of the Light Infantry corps was passed, which contained a clause expressive of their good will toward the returning soldiery, and explanatory of their inability to parade, because of the non-

arrival of their muskets.

The corps then proceeded to the election of officers. The members were unanimous and enthusiastic in their choice of Capt, Myron M. Tappau, of New York, agent of the Remington Arms company, as their captain. With similar unanimity Maj. M. E. Ureil was chosen first lightness thereas there is the captain. chosen first lieutonant, Taomas Hynes, senior second lieutenant; Wm. Ramsey, junior second lieutenant, and John Clark, first sergeant.

Five honorary and six active members were then accepted, bringing the active membership to the number of seventy and the honorary list to twenty-seven. The corps will receive their uniforms from George F. Timms at an early date. Their muskets are on the way, and they are in hopes of being

and that it was the first sturgeon caught in statement, so far as it related to him. He said, 'What nonsense. I am not going to swim in those bubbles, but at least ten feet wonderful performance. While not doubting the Potomac so far up for a number of years, leaving your readers to infer that it was a wonderful performance. While not doubting the statement in the least, the palm for a wonderful catch should be given Capt. C. P. Crandall, a department clerk, who, while trolling for sturgeon on the night of Aug. 10, the assessment peach consists the indicate. trolling for sturgeon on the night of Aug. 10, in the castern branch, opposite the jail dock, after several hours of wearying patience succeded in landing a blue fish one and one-eighth inches in length, weighing less than half an ounce, and went home at 3 o'clock in the morning perfectly satisfied with his success and at peace with all the world and himself.

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catch, will bear me out in the above state ment, as we were all

COMPAGNONS DU VOYAGE.

Independent Order of Freemen.

of Charles county, who welcomed the grand officers in a neat speech. At night the Shiloh M. E. church was filled to overflowing by members and friends of Grant ledge No. 12, Independent Order of United Freemen. Grand Secretary Robinson was then introduced, and gave a concise but

A Slight Fire.

The fancy and millinery store of B. J. Behrend, No. 817 Seventh street, was found to be on fire last night about 7 p. m., and the whole fire department was called out. The fire originated in the third story by boys dropping lighted matches on the The flames were soon extinguished with but slight damage. The property is owned by the Tyson family.

Adjutant General Drum returned to Wash-

Gen. Sherman has telegraphed to the War

Rear Admiral Hughes, commanding the

Gets Enough of Playing the Tramp and Abandons the Road.

Incidents of His Homeward Journey as Far as Alexandria.

Special Letter.

domestic afflictions, but even a tramp's soul can be moved to pity some time, and I lingered around there several hours, rendering all the assistance in my power. I saw the dead man in his shroud. His was but the wreck of a once sturdy frame. He had been ill a long time, and his family were worn and weary with their continual watching at his bedside. But, as the sun arose that morning

of figure, with a face whose utter smoothness would have been the despair of a mercenary barber. His large cars, cenary barber. His large cars, jutting from a bullet shaped head, gave to this head at a little distance away the look of some odd, unclassic amphora. He spoke very

fish" and a "governor" for bait. His boat was flat bottome!, and the sail was of the "Isaac Smith & Son, Hercules framed, paragon" make or brand.
C. E. Lewis, Dr. J. A. Harrison, Will F. Wright, or Mr. Bailey, the proprietor of the boat house at the Anacostia bridge, who assisted him in landing his extraordinary

The colored citizens of Charles county Maryland, turned out in large numbers on last Saturday, twenty-fifth instant, at Newburgh, to welcome the visiting grand officers from this city, R. B. Robinson, esq., worthy grand secretary, and D. W. Lewis, esq., of the supreme council. They were met by Samuel A. Conway, deputy high chief ruler

was then introduced, and gave a concise but interesting sketch of the new order. He then presented Mr. D. W. Lewis, who addressed the assembly at length, his subject being, "Organized Efforts." Much interest is being taken in the Independent Order of United Freemen in Maryland. The people are alive to their best interests in lower Maryland.

ARMY AND NAVY.

ington last evening from Long Island. Surgeon T. C. Walton has been detached from the Powhatan at New York, and ordered to the naval academy.

The officers of the United States steamer Trenton has been ordered to report for duty on the twelfth of September instead of the

department announcing the safe arrival of himself and party at Vancouver barracks, Washington territory, and stating that they would leave there this morning for San Fran-

"Most certainly to the terrible mash in his boad, which was no doubt made when he last dove."

"But the testimony of the doctors was that a man alive and swimming could not have received such a wound, as his hands would have protected his head."

"Well, all I can say about that is that the doctors are as ignorant about the science of swimming as they are about a great many other things. If Capt, Webb was swimming

WANDERING WILLIE

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Aug. 27 .- Can your enders stand another dose of the vaporings of a tramp ? Taking it for granted that they can, I will fire off another screed, outlining the events of my journey from Warrenton to this place, and also take occasion to announce my retirement from the road. My experience has been limited but amply instructive, and I am prepared to furnish "pointers" to amateurs at moderate rates. After forwarding my former letter to you from Warrenton I concluded to take a short cut across the country and return to Washington, so Friday morning after a good breakfast and with the blessing of the oldest inhabitants I shook the dust of War-renton from my sandals and hied me away. It was early morning when I struck the railway track. The town was still partly wrapped in slumber. At the depot a picture wrapped in slumber. At the depot a picture of perfect peace was presented. Some goese and ducks were sailing in dignified silence over a pend of green, frog spittled, ceated water. Three negroes siept in the glare of the morning sun on a pile of bags of guano, and an old woman smelling strongly of onions skirted the ditches adjacent to the railroad track, gathering bunches of sweet smelling mint for the morning juleps of the aristocrats of this quaint old town. The scene grew strikingly quaint old town. The scene grew strikingly beautiful as I gradually left the town behind. On the right hand was a rich cloud of foliago rounding upon another, and all the wealth of princely trees standing up in their battalions under the warm August sky; and on the other the sweet, wild fields bursting forth in a number blose of foliage. the sweet, wild fields bursting forth in a purple blaze of foliage, all belted and broken with the monastic gloom of the pine woods and ineffable blue distances of the wilder country. I fell in love with the insignificant rural place, and my soul scemed to melt to the great, broad, delicious greeness of shadows in the forest; and I was held ness of shadows in the forest; and I was held in an eestacy in that sweet lapse of all sense and thought into which nature sometimes surprises us, when all at once, without any suspicion on our part of which she is about, she throws herself open to us, and holds out her tender arms. This was very pretty, and calculated to inspire a poem, but before I could fairly start an effort in that direction my musings were interrupted by a woman's cries of distress issuing from a farm house a few hundred yards distant. Hastening to the house I found a sweet faced, gray haired matron weeping and wring-ing her hands in the doorway, and saw sevral farm hands hastening to the scene. Though my love of adventure was thwarted in its not being a sensational event, I was nevertheless pained to learn that the good lady's grief was caused by the death of her husband. It was only one of these every day deprestic officious but away a transfer

announcing the advent of another day, a day full of promise and happiness, the boat of sleep, a gentle wind of life and birth filling its sails, bore, swiftly gliding, the suffering pilgrim across the faint border of the mysterious hereafter. It was with a said heart that I left that seene and trudged on. I passed beautiful fields of waving corn, and was frequently saluted by natives to the maner here, and saw here and

tives to the manor born, and saw here and there typical Virginians astride fence rails enjoying the succulent corn cob pipes, and apparently ruminating over the political out-look. It is remarkable, but never theless a fact, Timms at an early date. Their muskets are on the way, and they are in hopes of being able to appear before long and take such rank among the district organizations as their energy may merit.

Another Whale Caught.

To the Edmor.

Washington, Aug. 27.—In your issue of date you state that a Mr. Strauss caught a twenty-seven pound sturgeon on Saturday last in the Potomac near the Anacostia bridge, and that it was the first sturgeon caught in whose place I visited en route. I met this gopen places as those which mobody would be able to appear before long and take such that exery other Virginian is an enthusiastic politician, though perhaps on the verge of a pretty girl coming down to breakfast at the devote to other work, and they'll "see you d.—d first," to quote a favorite expression with many, before they will either lease or sell you their land for cultivation. I mot many of this poor but proud class on my rambles, and confess that I couldn't understand them. I was more favorably impressed with them, however, than with a rich "squatter" from the north whose place I visited en route. I met this ing open places as those which nobody would whose place I visited en route. I met this ing open places as those which nebody would person first at a crossroads store, not far from Warrenton Junction. He was tall and slim quest of. An inventive lady stopped at Long

> some odd, unclassic amphora. He spoke very indifferent English and seemed to keep the last caprice of slang in glib readiness as a tradesman will keep his newest goods where he can soonest reach them. His talk was continually of his money, and it seemed to delight him to tell the price of his big diamond pin and of each article of his wearing apparel. He possessed, in truth, all the cardinal vulgarities, and was lavishly conceited. He struck me as truly an abominable creature and a fair sample of that horrible progeny now infecting America, growing up like mushrooms. ing America, growing up like mushrooms, resultant from two forces, each dangerous enough by itself, but both deadly when they

meet—wealth and ignorance. Such men, I have been informed, form the majority of the new element of capitalists who have rapidly settled on the aristocratic and historical soil of old Virginia since the war of the rebellion. My heart bled for the old state's pride when I learned that fact. I am rebellion. My heart bled for the old state's pride when I learned that fact. I am a tramp, though, and perhaps have no right to an opinion. The last half of my journey from Warrenton to Alexandria was accomplished by the aid of a ride on a cattle train. I met very few brother tramps, and fell in with the second state of the second state.

fell in with no very interesting adventures on the road. I was very tired, however, when I reached here, and joyfully accepted the hospitality of an old friend, who has induced me to retire from the road with the honors I have won, and to seek once more a proper station in seciety. I shall make the effort, and hope your readers will wish a suc-cesful future for Wanderson Willer.

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An American Who Didn't Want to Fight. An American student at Gottingen, the son of a prominent New York clergyman, unintentionally gave offense to three Ger man students by brushing against them in hurriedly passing along the street. They went on a fow steps, then came back and inwent on a few steps, then came back and insisted on having satisfaction for the insult,
he must fight a duel with one of their number. He declined, saying, "I am an American, I do not fight." But they repeated,
"We must have satisfaction." He replied,
"Well, if you must, you can have it," and,
throwing off his coat, went at them with his
fists. He knocked all three down and one of
them rolled in the gutter. Then, putting on
his coat, he walked away. Somewhat bewildered over the situation, the three German students picked themselves up and went
their way. The American was not afterwerd challenged to fight a duel or otherwise
molosted.

Charity Among Birds. In this city notice was recently made of a robin that went to a house to feed one of its young that some boys had carried off and placed in a cage that was allowed to hang out of doors, says the Virginia (Nev.) Estaprise. Thomas Prince, who resides on Carson river, above Dayton, tells of a circumstance still more singular. He says a pair of robins had their nest on a fence near his house, while in a bush near by a pair of cathirds had built their nests. The two pair of birds hatched out their young about the same time, and all went well for several days. Then the catbirds were seen no more, probably having been shot by some of the bee keepers of Dayton. The young cat-birds were evidently starving. When the robins came with a worm or other insect for their young, they always alighted on the top rail of the fonce before beginning days to the rail of the fence before hopping down to their

nest. Each time when a robin so came the catbirds opened their mouths, thrust up their heads, and made a great outery. They were begging, to the best of their ability, for food. The robins appeared to understand the appeal, and began feeding the hungry little cathirds. They did not do what they had undertaken to do by halves. Each evening the female robin sat on her own nest and warmed with her body her own young, while the male robin took to the nest of the cathirds. In this way both broods were reared, the little orphans growing up as strong and lively as though they had been cared for all through by their own parent. Both broods are now able to fly, and the young robins and cathirds still flock together, but presently the latter will probably leave and take up with their own kind. nest. Each time when a robin so came the

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American Diamond Wearers.

At Long Branch, as at Saratoga and many American and European watering places, says the London News, the possession of diamonds and other jewels partakes of the nature of a great joy. Naturally enough, the owners wish to display their jewels at proper times and season and in proper gradation. Thus rings at dinner, eardrops at a "hop" or "scratch" hotel dance, and the far-gleaming necklace at a ball would satisfy the aspirations of such diamond whorshipers as are endowed with good taste. Unhappily, however, the temptation of great value draws around the diamond-decked belies so many signature the diamond-recked belies so many birds of prey that extreme vigilance is re-quired to prevent them from swooping down on the glittering prize. There is a true story of a pretty girl coming down to breakfast at Saratoga with several thousand pounds ster-ling worth of diamonds on. Her explanation quest of. An inventive lady stopped at Long branch during the late hot weather, and after serious thought decided that the interior of an old umbrella was the satest place for two large and valuable diamond rings. Unfor-tunately a shower and her bushaud arrived during her absence. Selfish and thoughtless man took the only umbrella he found handy. opened it when he got out of doors and the rings were lost. Clearly no opening should be left with a jewel "cache" to be selected by masculine heedlessness and clumsiness.

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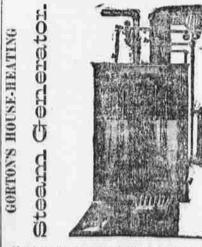
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